

# FORD COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

February 9, 2015

## A. CALL TO ORDER:

The County Board of Ford County met pursuant to adjournment in the Ford County Board Room of the Ford County Jail in Paxton on Monday, February 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman, Randy Berger.

## B. ROLL CALL:

The roll call showed the following board members in attendance: Bob Lindgren, Jon Clark, Jason Johnson, Randy Ferguson, Tom McQuinn, Gene May, Rick Bowen, Floyd Otto, Tim Nuss, Elynor Stagen and Chairman Berger. Dave Hastings was absent.

## C. PROCLAMATION:

Sheriff Doran

## D. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG AND INVOCATION:

Floyd Otto

## E. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD AGENDA:

Mr. Bowen moved to approve the board agenda. Mr. Johnson seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## F. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Otto moved that the January 12, 2015, board minutes be approved. Mrs. Stagen seconded it.

Voice vote - Carried

## G. COMMUNICATIONS:

## H. COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR:

## I. REPORT OF PROBATION OFFICER:

Cassy Taylor reported that there were 19 new adult cases filed. There was 1 PSI ordered and 2 PSI's completed. There are 2 juveniles in placement. There is 1 adult in residential alcohol/drug treatment. There were 4 PTR'S filed. There is 1 adult placed in group home. Taylor has applied for a Juvenile Justice Council Grant worth \$6,200.

## J. REPORT OF CIRCUIT CLERK:

Mrs. Evans informed the board that the Circuit Clerk Organization is working to try to keep the jury fees as is. Increasing the jury fees would cause a financial problem for all Illinois counties.

## K. REPORT OF THE TREASURER:

Treasurer Stevens presented her report. The county has a balance of \$90,786.02 as of January 31, 2015.

## L. OPPORTUNITY FOR OTHER DEPT. HEADS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD:

## M. APPROVAL OF ALL DEPT. HEAD REPORTS:

Mr. Otto moved to approve all department head reports. Mr. McQuinn seconded it.

Voice Vote - Carried

## **N. CHAIRMAN REPORT:**

Mr. Berger informed the Board that he has been keeping busy attending several meetings and working on issues with the FPHD.

## **O. VERBAL COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **1. Environment**

Mr. Rock, Zoning Officer, informed the board about the possible need to update solid waste plan.

### **2. Finance**

Mrs. Stagen moved **to approve payment of the General Fund bills.** Mr. May seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

### **3. Highway**

Mr. Otto moved **to approve payment of the Highway bills.** Mr. Lindgren seconded it.

Roll Call – Unanimous

Tina Biggs, the Highway Assistant, will be resigning her position the end of March. Mr. Perkinson is working on getting the job position filled as soon as possible.

### **4. Insurance/Personnel**

Mr. McQuinn scheduled a Personnel Committee Meeting for Thursday, February 12, 2015, to discuss longevity after 30 years, drug testing for employees and the CIRMA audit.

### **5. Overview/Legislation**

An Overview Committee Meeting was held to review Executive Session Meeting Minutes.

Two of the closed meeting minutes were determined to remain closed permanently and 2 other meeting minutes will remain closed until the issues are resolved.

### **6. Sheriff**

Mr. Lindgren moved **to approve payment of the Sheriff, County Housing, EMA & Coroner bills.** Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll Call – Unanimous

### **7. APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES:**

Mr. Bowen moved that the written and verbal reports of the committees be accepted as presented and placed on file. Mr. Ferguson seconded the motion.

Voice Vote Carried

## **P. SPECIAL ASSIGNMENTS:**

### **1. Mobile Region 8**

Will meet Tuesday.

Doran/Lindgren

### **2. Union Affairs**

McQuinn/Stagen

### **3. ECIEDD**

Stagen

### **4. 708 Board**

Berger

### **5. WIA**

Stagen

### **6. Ford County Public Health Department**

Berger

### **7. Regional Office of Education**

Berger/Stagen

Very good meeting. Learned about the grants. Found out about the 1 cent sales tax which has brought in money for PBL and GCMS also.

### **8. 9-1-1**

Johnson

### **9. Zoning**

Hastings

### **10. CIRMA**

Nuss

Had a Webinar

### **11. Extension**

Johnson

12. E.M.A.

Information is in packet the board received.

Higgins

**Q. OLD BUSINESS:**

**R. NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Lindgren moved to adopt **Resolution 15-11 (Appointment of Gregory Niewold as Commissioner in Drainage District #1 of the Lyman and Wall Townships)**. Mr. Otto seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Ferguson moved to adopt **Resolution 15-12 (Appointing Allen D. Celeschi to fill the Gibson City Fire Trustee position)**. Mr. Bowen seconded it. Voice Vote - Carried

Mr. Bowen submitted his letter of resignation as Ford County Board member to be effective at the adjournment of the March Board meeting.

**S. EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**T. ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Otto moved to adjourn; Mrs. Stagen seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 7:27 P.M.

**U. PROCLAMATION**

Sheriff Doran

The next monthly meeting will be Monday, March 9, 2015 at 7:00 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda Kellerhals  
County Clerk

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_